Content Curation
Collect, Connect, Share, Discuss.

As instructors, we are all information curators. How do you collect and share currently relevant content with your students? How do your students research and share information that they find with the rest of class? What tools do you use to manage or facilitate presentation of resources? Is it public? Can students access it at other times? In groups?

Modern web tools make it easy for both students and instructors to contribute online discoveries to class conversations. Using free online content curation software, we can easily integrate new content in a variety of ways.

USE CURATION TOOLS IN CLASS

Instructors are using online content curation tools in the classroom to:

- create group activities.
- organize and disseminate new content as a sort of digital handout to students in online and flipped classrooms.
- collect and share professional reading materials with students.
- foster discussion about current events.
- encourage students to become both content creators and curators.
- connect to experts outside class and to the world knowledge base.
- critique information available on the web.
- teach students to curate social media.
- help students gain credibility and exposure.
- keep track of online research efforts.
- create reading lists.
- help students gain access to the ‘collective intelligence’ of the Internet.

Pinterest www.pinterest.com

Pinterest is a pinboard-style social photo sharing website. The service allows users to create and manage theme-based image collections linked out to sites of origin and to discuss individual items.

Storify www.storify.com

Storify is a way to tell stories using social media such as tweets, photos and videos. Users search multiple social networks from one place, and then drag individual elements into stories. Users can re-order the elements and also add text to help give context to the readers and participate in comments.

Scoop.it www.scoop.it

Scoop.it allows users to create and share their own themed magazines designed around a given topic and comment on them.

Diigo www.diigo.com

Diigo is a social bookmarking tool that allows users to collect bookmarks, annotate, discuss and share to groups.

Pearltrees www.pearltrees.com

Pearltrees allows you to organize links into content trees in a visual way. Teams can curate a tree together and interact via comments.